

Irish News.

Armagh.—The ratepayers of Lurgan have decided to take advantage of the Free Libraries' Act to establish a free library in their thriving little town. A committee has been appointed to see that the project be put into practical shape.

Most Rev Dr Logue, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland, visited the Capel street library, Dublin, made a close examination of all the reading-rooms, and inspected the immense stock of excellent books in the library. He paid a high compliment to Mr Grogan, the librarian, on the admirable arrangement and classification of the works, and the excellent order that prevailed in the premises.

Carlow.—Carlow fair was largely supplied with stock, but demand was dull and prices low; stores were from L2 to L2 10s per head lower than twelve months ago. First quality beef, 52s to 55s per cwt; secondary, 40s to 50s per cwt; springers, L14 to L17 10s; milch cows, L11 10s to L16. The sheep supply was small, and mutton, was bought from 5d to 6½d per lb; lambs, from 20s to 30s; and ewes, from 30s to 35s each.

Among the latest conversions to the Catholic Church, not the least notable is that of Mrs Eustace, of Newtown, Tullow. Mrs Eustace is the daughter of the late General Sir Morris Stack, and as a Protestant has been hitherto very zealous in the practice of her own religion. She has also been kind and charitable to the poor and sick. Her sister, Mrs Berthon, who resides in England, has also become a Catholic.

There was a numerous attendance at recent meeting of the Tullow Irish National Federation. Father T. O'Neill presided, and in the course of his patriotic address said, when speaking of those who raise the cry of Independent Opposition—"Tell them that under the banner of the Irish National Federation they will not be asked to abandon their cry of 'Independent Opposition,' but that they will be perfectly free to give independent opposition to rack-renters, emergency-men, land-grabbers—to all the enemies of our country, and I think you will agree with me when I say that this opposition will be far more reasonable and far more fruitful than the independent opposition they are giving at present to the teaching of their Church and to the best interests of their country."

Clare.—At the Ennis Quarter Sessions held recently there were a large number of processes for rent at the suit of Capt George Samson, Sheriff, against his Cappataun and Cappamore tenants. F. O'Keefe, M.P., solicitor, Limerick, represented the tenants. Rev M. J. Kenny, Scariff, was also in court in the tenants' interest. Decrees were given in all cases but two.

Cork.—Smith-Barry has, through his agent, intimated his willingness to sell the tenants on his estate their holdings, the purchase money to be calculated at nineteen years' judicial rent. The tenants have arranged a meeting, at which the matter will be considered.

The ladies of Douglas presented William O'Brien, M.P., with an address when he visited Blackrock during the recent election contest.

Down.—Banbridge fair was held recently, and was well attended. A good supply of stock, prices satisfactory. Best beef, 55s to 58s per cwt; second, 50s to 55s; inferior, 45s to 47s. Mutton, finest quality, 7½d to 8½d per lb; other sorts, 6d to 7d; fat sheep, 45s to 50s; store sheep, 30s to 35s each.

Fermanagh.—"That we have no confidence in our County Members, W. Redmond and H. Campbell, and condemn the action of Factionists, as led by John Redmond, Leamy, Mahony, Harrington, and Company." This is the opinion the good and true Nationalists of Killeco have of the Factionists.

Galway.—A number of eviction-made-easy summonses for possession were posted on the Killimore courthouse, at the suit of Josephine Burke and Dora O'Sullivan. Strange to say, the forms of summonses are similar to the printed forms which the evictor Clanricarde used, his name and residence being on them.

Kerry.—At the last Tralee pig fair 600 pigs and 480 bonhams were in the market. The former realised from 36s to 38s per cwt, and the latter from 18s to 24s each.

The enormous Dingle mackerel takes are still continuing, and the prices per 120 is now from 4s to 6s. The curers have again commenced operations, and many are employed in the work day and night. The entire fishing is confined to the yawls round the seaboard, and is a great source of income to the labourers and small farmers on the coast.

The Sub-Land Commissioners sat in the Courthouse, Tralee, for the purpose of hearing applications to have fair rents fixed. There were 132 applications on the list from the unions of Caherciveen, Tralee, Dingle, Listowel, and Glin. The first fifty-three cases were heard at Caherciveen, and of the remainder some will be disposed of at Tralee, some at Listowel, and some at Dingle.

Kildare.—The Local Government has sanctioned the advance of L2,797 as a supplemental loan to the Naas Board of Guardians for carrying out of the Labourers' Act in the Union.

The tenants and people connected with Lord Cloncurry's property at Lyoor, Hazlehat, sent a beautiful wreath, through the parish priest, Rev Doctor Gowing, who left Kingstown for London, as a mark of their sympathy with Lord Cloncurry, and of their deep regret for the loss the neighbourhood has sustained in the untimely death of Lady Cloncurry.

Rev G. S. Cotton, Protestant rector of Carogh Orphanage, Kildare, has been arrested in Dublin by a member of the Royal Irish Constabulary on warrant signed by Colonel Forbes, R.M., Newbridge. He was brought to the Detective Office, Exchange Court, where he was charged with the manslaughter of a child named William Brown as far back as the winter of 1880. It is alleged that the child, who was an inmate of the Orphanage, after having had a cold bath, was left to sleep all night with no covering but an old sack, and was found dead in the morning. The prisoner was remanded and conveyed to Naas under a police guard.

The labourers of South Kildare had an excellent meeting at Athy on Sunday lately, presided over by Father Staples. They pledged themselves to the principles of trades-unionism, called upon the Government to increase the quantity of land given to agricultural labourers to one Irish acre, and to amend the sanitary laws so as to enable the local authority to repair unsanitary dwellings at the expense of the owners, with power to impound the rents until the expenses of such repairs should be liquidated.

Kilkenny.—John Dillon, M.P., addressed a meeting at Callan, county Kilkenny, last week, under the auspices of the local branch of the National Federation. There were about three thousand people present, amongst them a number of Parnellites. Two police note-takers, guarded by a dozen constables, took notes of the proceedings. Rev Canon Howley, P.P., presided. John Dillon said he was glad to have the opportunity of thanking the people of Kilkenny, whose lot it had been to strike the first blow in this great battle for Irish freedom. The people of Kilkenny were faithful to the highest interests of their country, and on that solemn occasion they recorded a verdict which he believed will go down in history as one of the most important of all the Irish elections.

King's County.—Parsonstown October fair was well attended. Sheep showed a marked improvement on Ballinasloe of the fair at Roscrea. Mr Carroll, Rothbeg, sold a lot of lambs at 27s 6d. James Browne sold a score at 24s each. Mr Walsh, Broghal, sold a milch cow at L18 to Mr Kelly, Birr (top price), and bought a score of lambs at 25s 6d each. Mr Kelly sold two springers at L22 10s. J. Ardill, Leap, sold a year-and-a-half at L18 10s; and bought thirty lambs at 25s. Mr Jackson purchased sixteen three-year-olds from Mr Cahill, Roscrea, at L16 15s; John Davis, Eglisli, bought fourteen fat heifers at L14 5s each. Mr Martin sold four one-and-half-year-olds to Mr Drought, Ballywilliam, at L8 10s. Robert Ardill sold twelve heifers at ten guineas each to Mr Cole, Castletown. William Kinsella, Kinnetty, sold a lot of hoggets, ewes, and heifers at fair prices. Mr Gleason, Nenah, bought four heifers at L14 10s each, from Major Bennett, and from Mr McKeena, Banager, three bullocks at L16 15s each, and a lot of heifers at L15, being the best prices in the market.

Leitrim.—The death is announced of Charles O'Beirne of Ballinamore. Mr O'Beirne was not alone known as one of the foremost business men in the county Leitrim, but as a prominent Nationalist. Owing to his principles he suffered eleven months imprisonment under Foster's regime. His loss will be much felt in independent Nationalist circles, and deep sympathy be expressed for his afflicted family.

Limerick.—Right Rev Doctor O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, has returned from the Eternal City, where he had interviews with the Venerable Archbishop Kirby, president of the Irish College, who gave him a heartfelt welcome. He also visited the Propaganda Fide, where he was received with every honour by the Secretary, Archbishop Persico, whose hospitable entertainer he was on the occasion of his visit to Limerick, about four years ago. Monsignor Persico, during his stay in Ireland, consecrated the Abbot Beardwood at Mount St. Joseph's in Roscrea. Most Rev Doctor O'Dwyer had an interview with His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, who made anxious inquiries as to the state of his diocese and of Ireland in general.

Longford.—Relieving Officers Quinn and McEvoy attended last meeting of the local Guardians and laid upon the table eighteen sentences of death which had been served upon them. Eighteen evictions may be carried out at any moment.

The county convention was a most successful business, every part of the county being fully represented. T. M. Healy was the principal speaker. Following is portion of Bishop Woodcock's patriotic address on the occasion:—"To the people, then, of this county, comprised as it is almost in its entirety in the diocese of Ardagh, I say, be united under your patriotic priests. Let no man, no party cry, divide you. Let your watchword be 'For God and for Fatherland. Give offence to no man. Should any attempt to interfere with you in the exercise of your undoubted rights resist the constituted authorities, but without violence stop him in the power of your united strength."